# Completed/Longterm Actions

(72) was extended to 4/21/94. on comments received, the phance date was further extended a january 12, 1994 (59 FR 1784) to August 31, 1995. Response to petitions for reconsideration published 04/05/95 60 FR 17398.

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RIN: 2137-AC37

2696 INCORPORATION OF LATEST BUNITED NATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS

Legal Authority: 49 USC 5101 to 5127 CFR Citation: 49 CFR 171 to 180

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action incorporates changes to the Hazardous Materials Regulations, based on recent changes to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the International Civil Aviation Organization Technical Instructions, and the International Mantime Dangerous Goods Code.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/18/94	59 FR 36488
NPRM Comment Period End	09/06/94	
Final Action	12/29/94	59 FR 67390
Correction Final Action Effective	02/08/95	60 FR 7627

Government Levels Affected: None

Analysis: Regulatory Evaluation 12/29/94 (59 FR 67390)

Additional information: Docket No HM-215A.

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RIN: 2137-AC42

2697 APPROVAL OF MULTI-UNIT TANK CAR TANKS HM-219 Legal Authority: 49 USC 5101 to 5127 CFR Citation: 49 CFR 173; 49 CFR 179 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rulemaking would have explored ways for the Department of Transportation to approve the design and manufacture of multi-unit tank car tanks, which are also known as "ton tanks." This project may be reactivated in the future, if necessary.

#### Timetable:

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Action	Date	FR Cite
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Additional Inf	ormation: This	project
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at this time, bi	it the project n	nav be
reactivated at a	a future date, i:	f `

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RIN: 2137-AC43

2698. • INCORPORATION OF RSPA CIVIL PENALTY GUIDELINES

Legal Authority: 49 USC 5101 to 5127 CFR Citation: 49 CFR 107

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action is to publish the civil penalty guidelines that RSPA uses in enforcing the hazardous materials transportation regulations. This actionprovides the regulated community and the general public with guidance as to the factors that RSPA considers in proposing and assessing civil penalties for violations of the Federal hazardous material law and regulations.

### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Final Action Effects	03/06/95 ve 04/07/95	60 FR 12139

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: Docket HM-207D.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) Maritime Administration (MarAd)

Proposed Rule Stage

2699. +CARGO PREFERENCE---U.S.-FLAG VESSELS; UNIFORM CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Small Entities Affected: None

Priority; Regulatory Plan

Legal Authority: 46 app USC 1241(b) CFR Citation: 46 CFR 381

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: MARAD is proposing amendments to its cargo preference regulations intended to ensure that

U.S.-flag carriers of preference cargoes be allowed to carry such cargoes subject to standard commercial contract and contract tender terms that would allow them to avoid economic harm from discriminatory practices.

Statement of Need: The NPRM will propose a uniform charter party to be executed by the U.S. vessel owner and the charterer with respect to the carriage of agricultural commodity preference cargoes and would also

require MARAD approval of all freight tenders for such preference cargoes. This action is needed to eliminate charter party terms that are at variance with generally accepted commercial terms and which discriminate against U.S.-flag carriers of agricultural commodity preference cargoes.

Summary of the Legal Basis: The legal basis for this action is section 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, 46 App U.S.C. 1241(b),